

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR VETOING AND DIS-

APPROVING SENATE BILL NO 258.

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TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE:

This is to advise that I have this the 9th day of April, A. D. 1917, officially vetoed and disapproved Senate Bill Number 258, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the same being an Act to fix venue in an action for libel or slander.

When a newspaper publishes an article and sends it out into another county in the State, in my opinion they ought to be willing to have the truth or falsity of the statement published tried out in any forum where the libelous article is sent. This law would have the effect to place the jurisdiction in some other forum, and would have a tendency to put every man with a good character at the mercy of a muckraker. The bill is, therefore, disapproved and vetoed.

J. E. Ferguson,
Governor of Texas.